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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22,24-30,32-34 and 36-56 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-22,24-30,32-34,38 and 44-56 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 36-37, 39-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's election with traverse of group XIII, claims 36-45, tenidap agonist, major depression disorder in the reply filed on September 25, 2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that tenidap should be examined with the claims drawn to other agonists. This is not found persuasive because each agonist has a unique structure which has to be searched in separate classification and databases. Applicants further argue that disorders are few and can be searched without burden. However, each disorder must be examined for unique characteristic which is found in separate databases.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

2. Claims 36-37 and 39-43 are examined below. Claims 1-22, 24-30, 32-34, 38, and 44-56 are withdrawn. Claims 23, 31, and 35 are cancelled.

Claim Objections

Claims 36 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 36 recite the term P2X7R which is acronym. The acronym should be identified with a proper name. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 36-37 and 39-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McElroy (US 6,323,236).

McElroy teach a method of administering tenidap for treatment of major depression (column1, lines 45-55; column 8, line 35). The administration of beta-adrenergic receptor modulator is optional. Tenidap inherently treats major depression when administered and modulates P2X7R activity.

3. No claim is allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pak whose telephone number is 571-272-0879. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 2:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Nickol can be reached on 571-272-0835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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